

This is absurd that NAB wants to shut down traffic and weather from XM. I never listen to FM radio anymore because it is plagued by 50% commercials and banter from radio hosts. I listen to the radio for musical enjoyment, not for commercials and useless chit chat. XM provides a valuable commercial free service that is mostly music, rather than commercials every 3 songs. I pay for this service, and anything they wish to do to improve it for no extra cost to me is a benefit. They have the right to freedom of speech, and therefore cannot be forced to stop broadcasts of traffic and weather for major cities. They are not taking any broadcasts or information from local affiliates and broadcasting it over the air, they have their own people that do the traffic and weather reports. Since they are not infringing on anyones rights they cannot legally be forced to stop broadcasting. Also, XM only reaches a couple million people right now. That is hardly enough across the country to make a big conglomerate fear they are being forced out of an industry. Regular radio has over 175 million listeners nationwide, they are just trying to bully XM around. If anyone should be complaining it should be XM. I refuse to stand by and let NAB control the airwaves in an FM monopoly when there are alternatives.